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Search Examples

Night shift
Cystic fibrosis
Cystic fibrosis and the complications associated with respiratory tract infections in newborns.
Military family – MeSH major topic
PMID 25365884

MeSH Heading/Subheading Coordination: *Go-to Strategies*

To more fully describe the focus of an article, Indexers <u>coordinate</u> MeSH Headings and Subheadings.

Example:
Treatment of a disease using a drug.
Alcohol Withdrawal Delirium/_____

Using a specific drug to treat a disease.
Chlormethiazole/_____

Example:
Used when describing the original or primary cancer site.
Colonic Neoplasms/_____

Used when describing the site of a metastasized cancer.
Brain Neoplasms/_____

MeSH Heading or Subheading: When both exist, which should I use?

Example:
Rehabilitation
Use the _____ (*MeSH Heading, Subheading – choose one*) to represent a specific type of rehabilitation.

Use the _____ (*MeSH Heading, Subheading – choose one*) attached to a disease or condition that needs to be treated with a specific form of rehabilitation.

Example:
Nursing

Use _____ (*MeSH Heading, Subheading – choose one*) to represent a specific type of nursing care.

Use _____ (*MeSH Heading, Subheading – choose one*) attached to the disease/condition when a nurse is involved in providing care.